

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After paragraph [0089], please insert -- 220 pre-scored cut--.

Please replace paragraph [0117] with:

[0117] To open this package, the grip area of the ring-pull 212 feature is lifted upward. The anchored portion remains connected to the tear panel 204. This results in a pivotal action that breaks the frangible connection(s) of the ring-pull 212 to the frame platform. As the grip area continues to be lifted upward, the panel 204 bends and through the resulting leveraging action, the tip of the pull-ring 212 continues to drive downward with a sharp edge on the underside of the pull-ring 212 near the frangible connection(s) breaking through the pre-scored cuts 220 in the panel 204 which create a predetermined tear path around the area to be removed. The ring-pull 212 is lifted up and away from the package bringing the tear-away panel 204 with it thus opening the package, see FIGS. 42-44.

Please replace paragraph [0118] with:

[0118] The panel component 204 (shown in FIG. 51) is manufactured prior to the manufacture of the frame 202 and the fusion ring 206 components of the closure 200. This panel 204 has desired gas, moisture barrier and physical properties required by the product or commercial sterilization process of the package. This panel 204 also has printed or coated on one side a release agent in an area that will contact the grip area of the ring-pull 212 feature. Generally this panel 204 is die cut from a sheet in a shape to match the corresponding shape of the frame and includes opposing, offset or aligned, pre-scored cuts 220 in the panel 204 that create a pre-determined tear path around the area to be removed. The panel 204 is formed with a topology to match the shape of the grip area of the ring pull 212 feature. Outside of the pre-scored cuts 220 there is a flange that will provide the non-removable attachment of that portion of the panel 204 to the frame 202.